

Department of Pesticide Regulation
California School and Day Care IPM Program
Update on Accomplishments and Future Plans
(July 2006 – June 2007)

You can view [previous updates](#) to the School IPM Advisory Group on our School IPM Web site (www.schoolipm.info).

1. Accomplishments (July 2006—December 2006)

Training

- During this six month period, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) conducted two regional school integrated pest management (IPM) training workshops for school district IPM coordinators (see table below). Michael Baefsky taught landscape IPM and Ingrid Carmean taught structural IPM at all locations. From 2002 to the present, DPR has conducted 19 regional training workshops and trained 694 people from 569 of the state's approximately 991 school districts.

Date (2006)	Location	City	County
July 11	Pacific Grove High School	Pacific Grove	Monterey
October 13	La Mesa Middle School	La Mesa	San Diego

- We've put together a [poster](#) to inform teachers about non-pesticidal ways of managing pests in their classrooms. It's focused on prevention and offers tips on keeping ants and other pests out of the classroom. We distributed it to all schools throughout the State.
- DPR staff completed and distributed a [calendar](#) of IPM activities to IPM coordinators that will highlight preventive practices, monitoring, and other IPM activities to consider each month.

Survey

- The 2004 survey report was completed and results were distributed to all school districts and other interested parties. See the [Executive Summary](#) or go to www.schoolipm.info and click on Publications in the right-hand column.

Outreach

DPR staff:

- Made four presentations, responded to questions and requests for information from school districts and other stakeholders, and sent monthly updates on IPM topics via our School IPM listserv.
- Published the following article:
 - Simmons, S. 2006. [Pest Prevention—Indoor Maintenance Practices](#). CASH Register 27(4): 9, 11-12.

New Legislation

Assembly Bill 87 (Bermudez) Trapping License--Exemptions: The bill was signed into law ([Chapter 406](#), Statutes of 2006) in September and goes into effect beginning January 1, 2007. This bill grants individuals licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Structural Pest Control Board, and/or licensed or certified by DPR, exemption from the Department of Fish and Game trapping license requirement when trapping rats, mice, voles, moles, or gophers. DPR provided information about this law to various stakeholders and interested parties.

Assembly Bill 2865 (Torrico): Beginning in January 2007, private child day care facilities must comply with current recordkeeping and notification requirements of the Healthy Schools Act applied to public child day care facilities and public schools. Licensed pest control businesses must submit detailed reports of their pesticide applications at private child day care facilities. Family child day care homes are exempt from these requirements.

In addition, the new law ([Chapter 865](#), Statutes of 2006) requires DPR to promote and facilitate the adoption of IPM programs at child day care facilities, including family child day care homes.

The law was prompted by concern about the risk to children from potential exposure to pesticides. Since pesticides can pose a health threat to young children, finding ways to reduce or eliminate exposure to pesticides is an environmental concern that every early care and education professional needs to address. The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 addresses this concern for children in public schools and public child day care facilities. This law expands that protection to children in private child day care facilities.

DPR's [handout](#), entitled "How IPM Can Help Child Day Care Facilities," provides more information about this law.

DPR met with Department of Social Services, Department of Education, Environment California (the sponsor of the bill), and California Child Care Resource and Referral Network to discuss how to carry out the requirements of the legislation. DPR, along with Assembly Member Torrico's office and Environment California, held a press conference to provide information on these new requirements.

2. Future Plans (January 2007—June 2007)

Training

- DPR plans to conduct three regional school IPM training workshops statewide (see table below). Each workshop can accommodate up to 40 participants. At each workshop, a local University of California (UC) representative will speak about the principles of IPM and the resources available through the UC. County Agricultural Commissioners will discuss enforcement issues related to school IPM and the Healthy Schools Act. Workshop trainers include Michael Baefsky for landscape IPM and Ingrid Carmean for structural IPM.

Date (2007)	Location	County
April 12	Stockton	San Joaquin
May 22	Bakersfield	Kern
June 27	Los Angeles	Los Angeles

- DPR plans to produce a 2007-08 calendar of IPM activities for IPM coordinators.

Survey

- DPR plans to mail the 2007 School IPM survey to school districts as part of our ongoing effort to measure the success of DPR's program and the adoption of IPM for key pests in schools.

Day Care IPM—Growing up green

DPR plans to:

- Provide information on the Healthy Schools Act and IPM to the Department of Social Services for use in their statewide orientations.
- Provide information to its regulated community about the new requirements.
- Update its School IPM Web site to include information for child day care providers.
- Invite representatives from the Department of Social Services, Department of Education, and the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network to attend one of its upcoming School IPM training workshops.

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